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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/986,880
Applicants: Junichi SHINOHARA, et al.
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For: METHOD OF AND UNIT FOR INPUTTING AN
IMAGE, AND COMPUTER PRODUCT
Group Art Unit: 2615
Examiner: YE, LIN

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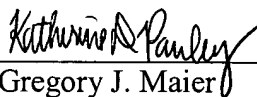
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 8, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the species of Figure 2, and identify Claims 1-17, 63, and 67 as readable on the elected species.

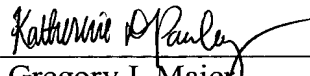
Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement because, as set forth in MPEP § 803, "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

The claims of the species of Figures 2, 17, 19, and 26 appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Therefore, Applicants traverse the outstanding Election of Species Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-70 be conducted.

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